

TRIBUTE TO DEAD PAID BY ELKS IN FITTING SERVICE

Many Present at "Lodge of Sorrow"
Ceremonies Conducted By Rock
Island Members.

SALES ALL HEROES NOT HERALDED

Thomas J. Welch in Addressing Gath-
ering States Many are Great Though
Far From Battlefields.

Before a large gathering of Elks and their friends in the club rooms of Rock Island lodge, tribute was paid to the deceased members of the order yesterday afternoon at 2:30. The memorial exercises here, were similar to those held by every lodge in the United States yesterday, the Elks setting aside the first Sunday in December in each year as a time to pay honor to deceased members of the order.

Thomas J. Welch, formerly of Rock Island, but now city attorney of Kewanee, delivered the address of the afternoon. Robert Rexdale of this city, delivered the eulogy and Rev. J. L. Vance gave the invocation after the "Lodge of Sorrow" was opened and the lodge hymn sung. A solo, "Face to Face" was rendered by L. B. Canterbury. Mrs. Canterbury gave a reading of Bryant's beautiful "Thanatopsis" and a quartet number "Gathering Home" was rendered by L. Anderson, E. Johnson, H. Dickson and Mr. Canterbury.

Mr. Welch's address followed and preceding the eulogy Mrs. Canterbury sang "Abide With Me." The quartet sang "The Vacant Chair." Benediction was offered by Rev. Vance, after the lodge was closed and the Doxology sung.

Absent are Remembered.

Mr. Welch in his address said: "We come here today in a spirit of hope rather than of sorrow; not with a sense of grief, but with hymns of praise and faith; we testify to the virtues of those who have departed, and demonstrate by our attendance here, that it is not the fate of those who wear the emblem of an Elk to live unknown or be forgotten."

To honor our departed brothers and preserve their memory is one of Elksdom's priceless treasures. Some may say such things are sentiment. Sentiment satisfies the Elks. The sentiment that prompts the patriot to rally around his country's flag; sentiment has scattered their white and bleached bones upon a thousand battlefields; sentiment has reared marble monuments above their graves to mark the spots where fell our country's heroes; sentiment prompts us to love the scenes of our childhood and the mother who bore us; sentiment in the coming years will cause us to scatter flowers upon her grave; sentiment prompts all mankind to greater acts and nobler deeds; and if this service today is founded upon sentiment, then, it is founded upon the strongest of human emotions and of human ties.

To our organization, as well as to the dead, we owe the duty which we discharge here, for service of this kind declares the loyalty of the living, no less than the virtues of those whom they commemorate.

"These cherished dead, whose names you have before you, are now beyond the reach of our good deeds; to bring fruit and flowers to them would be in vain, but to indulge in good thoughts and affections toward them should enlarge our hearts and awaken in our breasts a determination to sacrifice something for the good of others."

Value of Sentiment.
"It matters not what we may accomplish in this life; we may reach the height of all human glory; we may write our names in Fame's proudest hall; but when the end is nearing its finish and we look back over the winding trail, we realize that life, though crowned with brilliant achievements, is uncertain."

"We may acquire magnificent fortunes; our homes may glitter with kingly splendor; we may own 10,000 acres of fertile soil, yet, if we have not within our hearts love for our fellowmen, then, we are even poorer than the beggar in the street soliciting alms from the passers-by."

The day will come, my friends, when the acts of men will pass in review before the Great Exalted Ruler; when the statesmen must lay aside the proud achievements of a lifetime, and the laborer is called from his work; then, our worth will be measured, not by the gold we possess, not by silken banners and scrolls of fame, but by the blessings we have brought to others, the good deeds we have done upon earth, and the temples we have built in the hearts of men. These are the standards by which the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks measure men.

"It was given to me personally to know many of the brothers whose names appear upon the memorial tablets of this lodge."

The Lesson Taught.
"Let us then, seek for the lessons that may be suggested in the life and death of those who constitute our

SPEAKER AT LOCAL MEMORIAL PROGRAM



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Kewanee lodge, B. P. O. E. No. 724.

theme. First in our thoughts, are the lessons to be learned from their careers. The lessons are not obscure nor difficult. They teach the value of work and mental training, but they teach more impressively, that the road to usefulness and to the only success worth having will be missed or lost except it is sought and kept by the light of those qualities of the heart which know and understand human sympathy.

"Our absent brothers were of earth's heroes, for not all its contests are those of bloody scenes of slaughter. Many of the world's greatest heroes are not those who win their laurels amid the cannons' roar, but those who, wherever their lot is cast, each day, each hour, do the work and perform the duty that they find at their hands to do, and do it well. There are noble deeds in each day's life never heralded; sacrifices never referred to; devotion to one's duty never recorded. We have seen them in daughter and son, in a father's tireless labor, and in a mother's infinite care and tenderness. Thus we remember them in our brothers because of our association with them."

"We cannot help but realize from these solemn services, that no matter what our station in life may be, our earthly duty must end as did our brothers! Let us resolve that we will live as directed by the cardinal virtues of our organizations, so that when our day is done and the twilight of our life has come we may be prepared to embark upon the voyage that has no return."

"And, finally, brothers and friends, let us hope that our absent brothers know and understand that we have gathered here today in their honor, and in our humble way, have tried to show to them and those whom they loved most, that we appreciated their good deeds and friendship, and let us find fresh bonds of brotherhood and sympathy in the cherished memories of those who have gone before us, and let us resolve that insofar as in us lies, the day shall never come when the men of Elksdom may not carry on this service, which has been inaugurated to perpetuate the memory and the good deeds of our absent brothers—"

"Lord, God of hosts, be with us yet, 'Let us forget, lest we forget.'"

Gives Beautiful Eulogy.

Mr. Rexdale in his eulogy said in part: "Today we come as brother Elks to lay a wreath of immortelles upon our memorial tablet, whereupon is graven in letters of love and memory the earthly record of our honored dead, and to pledge again, in death's dark wine, the names of our absent brothers."

"Sorrow for the dead is holy at all times. It is the flower of remembrance that grows in summer's heat and winter's cold, and whose bloom and fragrance have survived the chill December of the tomb. And thrice holy is its meaning to us today, when we mourn for those whose watchwords in life were charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity. It is to honor their memory that we meet today in this lodge of sorrow—to invoke the divine blessing upon those near and dear to them, to live again our little hour of communion with the dead, and to lay upon the altar of old friendships the acacia and the myrtle, as our symbols of grief and immortality."

"The services we hold today, as a yearly observance by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, would be as sounding brass and a tinkling symbol if we did not have this hope of immortality. So with music, prayer and loving service of the heart, we express our faith in the unseen and the unknowable. As Elks we believe in the spirit that animates this lodge of sorrow, as we believe that the living receive a blessing in remembering the dead."

In Memoriam.

Elks of Rock Island lodge who have died, and the date of their death:
Harry F. Blecker, Nov. 22, 1907.
John B. Zimmer, Jr., Nov. 28, 1907.
John B. Zimmer, Sr., March 1, 1908.
George Resugh, March 5, 1909.
Edward Godfrey, April 6, 1910.
George H. Wright, Nov. 11, 1910.
John Rineck, Feb. 23, 1911.
Henry E. Kreil, June 28, 1911.
Frank H. Kelly, Oct. 16, 1911.
Carl A. J. Helpenstell, Nov. 29, 1911.
Frank J. Steele, March 28, 1912.
Henry T. Siemon, Dec. 28, 1912.
John H. Bertelsen, Jan. 7, 1913.
Henry C. Wehling, April 18, 1913.
Clarence A. Ludolph, May 29, 1913.
John Ohlweiser, Sr., April 27, 1914.
Thomas B. Meyers, Oct. 24, 1914.
B. Frank Knox, Dec. 28, 1914.
Otto Huber Jan. 1, 1915.
L. C. Cash, July 9, 1915.
John B. Roberts, Oct. 9, 1915.
H. E. Casteel, Nov. 5, 1915.
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Mrs. M. Wilson took dinner with home on Williams street. He is suffering with complications.

The Milan Boys' club met in the basement of the M. E. church Thursday evening. Rev. F. N. Wright explained

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